CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, MARCH 24th, 1873.

The council met last night at the usual hour. Present—Aldermen Moffat, Starr, Smyth, McBride, McDonald, Brown, Rapley, Shaw, Christie, Williams, McPhail, Partridge, sr., Partridge, jr., Egan, Cousins, Leonard, Graydon and Beattie.

The clerk said that he had received a telegram from His Worship the Mayor, dated Hamilton, stating that he would arrive by the "accommodation" train about 9 30. It would, therefore, be their duty to elect a chairman.

On motion of Ald. McBride, Ald Moffat was elected chairman.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

The following communications were received:

From Robert Kirkpatrick, asking for remission of taxes. Referred to finance committee.

From W. Williams, posting bills, $17. Referred to Printing Committees.

From Geo Pritchard, asking for the use of the City Hall on the evening of the 23rd prox., to celebrate St George's anniversary. Granted, on payment of current expenses.

From Edward Galpin, claiming the sum of $20—the reward offered by the council for the conviction of Hawkins and Cameron, for breaking gas lamps on Richmond street. Referred to fire, water and gas committee.

From Thomas Wastie, Chief Engineer Fire Brigade, submitting the following statement:

To the Municipal Council of the City of London Assembled—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following as my report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1873:

The total number of fires and alarms have been thirty-five, six of which were false alarms, and twenty-nine were fires, involving a loss of about $43,000—covered by insurance to the amount of $18 000

The total expenditure in connection with brigade for repairs to engine houses and apparatus, purchase of new hose, and pay for the brigade, amounts in all to $3,000.

The total enrolled membership of the brigade is 187.

The number of tanks available for fire duty is forty, averaging 6,000 gallons each, or a total of 240,000 gallons. Twenty nine tanks were used during the year, and the amount of water consumed was 129,000 gallons.

The average number of men on duty at fires and alarms was 42.

The average time for first water was twenty-five minutes from the time of the alarm.

Owing to the dilapidated condition of the engine-houses, hose, and apparatus, the expenditure has exceeded that of previous years. I take great pleasure in reporting the efficient condition of all apparatus at present in the brigade.

I hereby tender my thanks to the officers and members of the fire brigade for their willingness, at all times, to obey orders, and their zealous efforts to prevent destruction of property by fire.

I also have to thank the chief of police and his department for their valuable assistance in discovering fires and promptly alarming the brigade. The number of fires discovered, and alarms given by the police during the year, have been twenty six

I have the honor to be your obedient servant, THOS WASTIE, Chief Engineer.

From Sarah Ann Campbell, asking time for the payment of her taxes. Referred to finance committee.

From John Elson and others, asking that the interior of Covent Garden Market be painted. Referred to market committee.

From Brown & Morris, and about forty others, asking the council to adopt some plan for numbering the houses and lots in the city. Referred to board of works.

From R. Mountjoy and others, asking that temperance licences be reduced from $20 to $5, the latter being the sum charged in Hamilton and Toronto. Referred to license committee

An account was received from Messrs. Siddons & Dawson, HERALD, for $163 16. Referred to finance and printing committees.

The following account was received from Adam Murray, treasurer, county Middlesex:

The corporation of the city of London, Ontario, to the corporation of the county of Middlesex, Dr.

1873 March 1. To amount of account rendered, Feb 1st, '73,	$6265 78	
March 1. To interest at six per cent. for one month, (Feb. '73) on $3.000, principal money of said amount	15 00	
March 1. To one-fifth of $5.000, being that portion of the Great Western Railway stock transferred by the county to the city, the county debentures issued for which fell due March 1st, 1873	1000 00	
March 1, To interest at six per cent, from 1st Jan., 1855, to 1st March, 1873, on $1.000	1090 00	
	$8370 78	

Treasurer's office, Co. Middlesex, London, March 1st, 1873

Referred to finance committee.

From Mr E. J. Parke, solicitor, claiming damages on behalf of Mr. Kendrew, caused by the experiments in connection with the water-works at Pond Mills. Referred to finance committee.

Ald. McBride, chairman fire, water and gas committee, submitted the following report:

In the account of Roe & Judd, for work done for fire department, and which was referred to arbitration, your committee recommend the sum of $70 be paid in full of claim.

Your committee would also recommend that no further action be taken in regard to the purchase of lot fronting on Clarence street, as resolved by your council.

In the matter of the organising of a fire department on a new basis, as recommended by a communication emanating from the fire brigade and adopted by this council, your committee would recommend the following as a basis of the new scheme of a brigade for your adoption, viz.:

FOR NO. 1 STEAMER.

1 Engineer, on full time	$500	
1 Driver, on full time	350	
4 Hosemen, on call, $100 each	400	
		$1,250

FOR NO. 2 STEAMER.

1 Assistant engineer, on call, say	150	
4 Men, on call, $100 each	400	
		550
5 Men for ladders, axes and hose, at call	500	
Keep of one span of horses per annum	300	
		800
1 Chief-engineer of brigade		400
Total cost per annum		$2,000
Estimated cost of present brigade		$2,005

Your committee herewith submit a by-law to carry out the above, which they have approved, and recommend for adoption.

All of which is submitted.

On motion, the report was commited, Ald. Partridge, jr., in the chair.

The first clause was read

Ald. Cousins moved, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that the claim of Messrs. Roe & Judd be paid in full.

The clause was adopted, by a vote of 13 for and 2 against.

The second clause was read.

On motion, the clause passed.

The third clause was read.

On motion the clause passed.

The committee rose, and the chairman reported. The report was passed without amendment, and it was on motion unanimously adopted by the council.

The by law for regulating fires was read three times and passed.

Ald. Brown said that he had endeavored to get a quorum of the license committee together three times, but failed, and he submitted the following minority report:

1st. That the fee for temperance licenses be reduced from $20, the present fee, to the sum of $10.

2nd. That all the cabs be removed to North street, and that they occupy the centre of said street, in a line extending eastward, commencing fifty feet from the crossing on Richmond street.